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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toshiharu KATADA et al.

Group Art Unit: 218142

Application No.: 09/989,543

Examiner: B. PRIETO

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For: DATA TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND ITS METHOD

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants' representative conducted a personal interview with Examiner B. Prieto on January 23, 2006. A summary of the substance of the interview is presented below.

Applicants' representative reviewed, with Examiner Prieto, the rejections of claims 11-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on a combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,295,551 to Roberts et al. (hereinafter "Roberts") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,832,355 to Duperrouzel et al. (hereinafter "Duperrouzel"). Specifically, Applicants' representative noted that to any extent that Duperrouzel may be arguably combinable with Roberts, a conclusion that Applicants do not concede, such a combination would not have rendered obvious the subject matter of the pending claims. This conclusion is supported by the fact that Duperrouzel teaches a display system that displays web pages from websites located on a data communications network in a plurality of non-overlapping display areas on a user terminal. Duperrouzel does not teach, nor suggest, data symbols representing data retrieved from a first device as recited in the pending claims being dragged and dropped from a website associated

with the first device into a predetermined area of, for example, a website associated with the second device. With specific reference to Figs. 1 and 5, Applicants' representative clarified the Examiner's understanding of the features recited in the claims.

Examiner Prieto indicated that she had a better understanding of the subject matter recited in the claims based on Applicants' representative's input. The Examiner indicated that she would carefully consider the arguments made in the Amendment filed on December 20, 2005, in light of the discussion during the personal interview.

Should any questions arise regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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